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The proposed settlement between the Department of Justice and Microsoft is insane. It does little if anything to address the egregious transgressions of Microsoft against developers in the software community. What about Netscape and it's browser? What about DR-DOS? What about Java? What about the myriad of other companies that innovate only to have Microsoft strong-arm them, threatening sell to us at our price or will build a competing product and give it away for free.

Embrace, Embellish, Extinguish. That is the mantra of Microsoft, all under the guise of competition.

The proposed settlement does little to nothing to address these past problems and basically alllows Microsoft to continue in its errant business ways. Giving poor schools money to buy only computers that run Microsoft products provides a lock-in to a new market and excludes other system vendors. Is the "punishment" to provide Microsoft with additional revenue streams? What about those other companies that were injured?

I could go on but I am bitter and cynical that the US government would just throw away a solid case and worse, establish a precedence.

In closing, I'll just say that the browser is not part of an operating system.

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